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The Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger  
The Secretary of Defense  
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Cap:

Thank you for your letter of 10 February discussing the Administration's activities regarding the FY85 Chemical Weapons Program before Congress.

I wholeheartedly agree that this program is extremely important and that it is essential for Congress to fully appreciate the extent of the chemical and biological warfare threat. We would be glad to assist in briefing Congress to that end and suggest that you have the appropriate person contact [redacted] to work out the details. [redacted] is a [redacted] expert in the field of CBW and currently serves as Chairman of our Interagency CBW-Toxin Use Working Group.

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Yours,

William J. Casey

Director of Central Intelligence

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*I am interested  
in both the 10 February  
letter and the Cong'l testimony  
in my capacity as Chairman,  
Special Working Group on CW.  
Can U get copy of the above E.R.?*

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## THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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10 FEB 1984

The Honorable William J. Casey  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20451

Dear Bill:

In response to the SIG/DP recommendation on the FY 85 Chemical Weapons Program, the President approved a funding request for approximately \$105M for facilities and long lead components. This request differs from our two previous budget requests in that it does not provide for final assembly and production of any chemical munitions. By stopping short of full production but allowing preparation for production, our request follows the path established by the FY 1984 Authorization Bill.

The President recognizes that a concerted Administration effort will be required if the program is to succeed and promises that support. He expects DoD to assume the lead in the overall effort for obtaining Congressional approval.

To assist the DoD in formulating a plan for pursuing the Chemical Weapons Program through Congress, I ask that you appoint a point of contact for this issue. Intelligence on the threat, arms control activities and the view of our allies are among the issues that require interagency participation and coordination in presenting our case to Congress. An interagency meeting was held Friday, February 10, to discuss the efforts we intend to pursue. The DoD point of contact, Dr. Ted Gold (695-5448) from my office, chaired the meeting.

I am aware of the difficulties we face on this issue in an election year. Our dedicated and coordinated efforts will be required if we are to make progress toward redressing this critical gap in our deterrent posture and, thus, provide some incentive for the Soviet Union to negotiate seriously.

Sincerely,



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